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1. It is reported that the Dominican Army Air Force has established an air field at the town of La Vega, in the Province of the same name. It is a grass field, about 4,000 feet long, with a single strip running east to west. The surface is hard enough to permit the landing of DC-3 planes.
2. It has been learned that there are at La Vega two P-38's about whose importation or arrival the Embassy has received no official news.*
3. The PBV's now in Ciudad Trujillo which were used at Santiago de los Caballeros as trainers have been employed for training Venezuelan pilots. It is possible that the Dominican Army may use them or permit their use in the event of an expedition to Venezuela.

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Washington Comment: According to [REDACTED], this brought the total of such planes in the Dominican Republic to eight. However, the number was reduced to seven with the crash of a Dominican Air Force P-38 at General Andrews Airport, reported on 22 July.

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